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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: EDWARD INGENITO

Title: TISSUE VOLUME REDUCTION

The prior application is assigned of record to Bistech, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 21, 2002, at Reel 013397, Frame 0932.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 7 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/379,460, filed August 23, 1999, now

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U.S. Patent No. 6,610,043. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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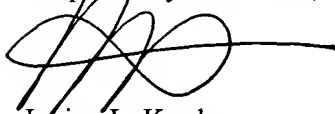
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